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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DEMIREL ON AID CUTOFF

1. IN A FEB 4 INTERVIEW WITH SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S. DEPENDENTS SCHOOL IN ANKARA, JUSTICE PARTY LEADER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL COMMENTED ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF A U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE CUTOFF. SINCE HIS VIEWS UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECT THOSE OF OTHER POSITICAL LEADERS COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS PRO-AMERICAN, DEMIREL'S COMMENTS ARE SUM-MARIZED BELOW.

2. SECURITY ASSISTANCE, DEMIREL STATED, IS BASED ON COMMON DEFENSE PURPOSES. IF IT IS CUT, COMMON DEFENSE IS RENDERED MEANINGLESS, AND THIS WILL BEIMPOSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN TO TURKS. CYPRUS IS NOT PART OF THE COMMON DEFENSE STRUCTURE, AND TURKISH ACTIONS THERE HAVE NOT HURT THE U.S. WE CANNOT TELL THE TURKISH PEOPLE WHY THE U.S. HAS PENALIZED US, DEMIREL
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EXPLAINED, AS PROTECTION OF TURK CYPRIOTS IS THE RIGHT AND

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OBLIGATION OF THIS COUNTRY. "WE CANNOT STAND BEING PENALIZED BY THE US," DEMIREL SAID.

3. BY LAYING TURKEY ASIDE AND BACKING GREECE, DEMIREL CONTINUED, A LOT OF PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR A "VERY BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP." "EVEN IF AID IS RESTORED AFTER SIX MONTHS," HE CONTINUED, "THERE WILL BE LOTS OF TURMOIL AND HEARTBREAKING THINGS." DEMIREL INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD CAUTION COOLNESS AND WISDOM.
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